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of the difficulties that might occur to me during my progress through the Country that I should have in my possession any document that might lead to a discovery of my real Character, I did not take with me any letter to the Minister, trusting that Admiral Berkeley as he assured me, would announce my arrival to Mr. Erskine, but no letter to that effect ever came to hand, so that Mr. Erskine himself was never perfectly satisfied as to the identity of my person, much less with respect to the motives of my journey to that Country.

Thus Sir, you will perceive that my views were in great measure frustrated; without the certainty of support from the Minister in case [of] difficulty, I did not proceed to Charleston and New Orleans, indeed my Instructions did not go so far, yet perhaps more useful information might be obtain'd there than in any other part of the Union.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Sir

Your obedt. and faithful Servant

WILLIAM GIROD

Lieut. 101st Regt.

HALIFAX Nova Scotia

28th May 1808.

Original.

[Endorsed:] Lieut. Girod's Report to Sir John Wentworth.

II. PREVOST'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HOWE.

To ascertain how far His Majesty's wishes are approved in the United States, and whether any and what measures could be adopted to re-establish and preserve a future good understanding between the two Nations?

To ascertain the strength of the federal and democratical Parties—how far the one or the other prevail in each state? which of the States are the most leading and influential?

State of Parties, to be attained, by their chusing of Governors, and canvassing for the Election of a President.

Should the decision of these Elections indicate a prevalence of the party hostile to Great Britain—endeavour to ascertain whether hostilities are likely to be immediate or remote?

What preparations for the War are making in America—whether Naval or Military?

What Success has attended the raising of six thousand Troops of the Line lately voted, whether 25,000 Militia, or any part of them ordered into immediate service, have been called into actual Service? and if so where are they stationed?

To attend the Debates of Congress, by which the President's intentions might in a considerable degree, be developed.

If any sudden indication of Hostility should appear, to arrange with confidential Persons the readiest mode of communicating it.

[Endorsed:] In Sr. G. Prevosts

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